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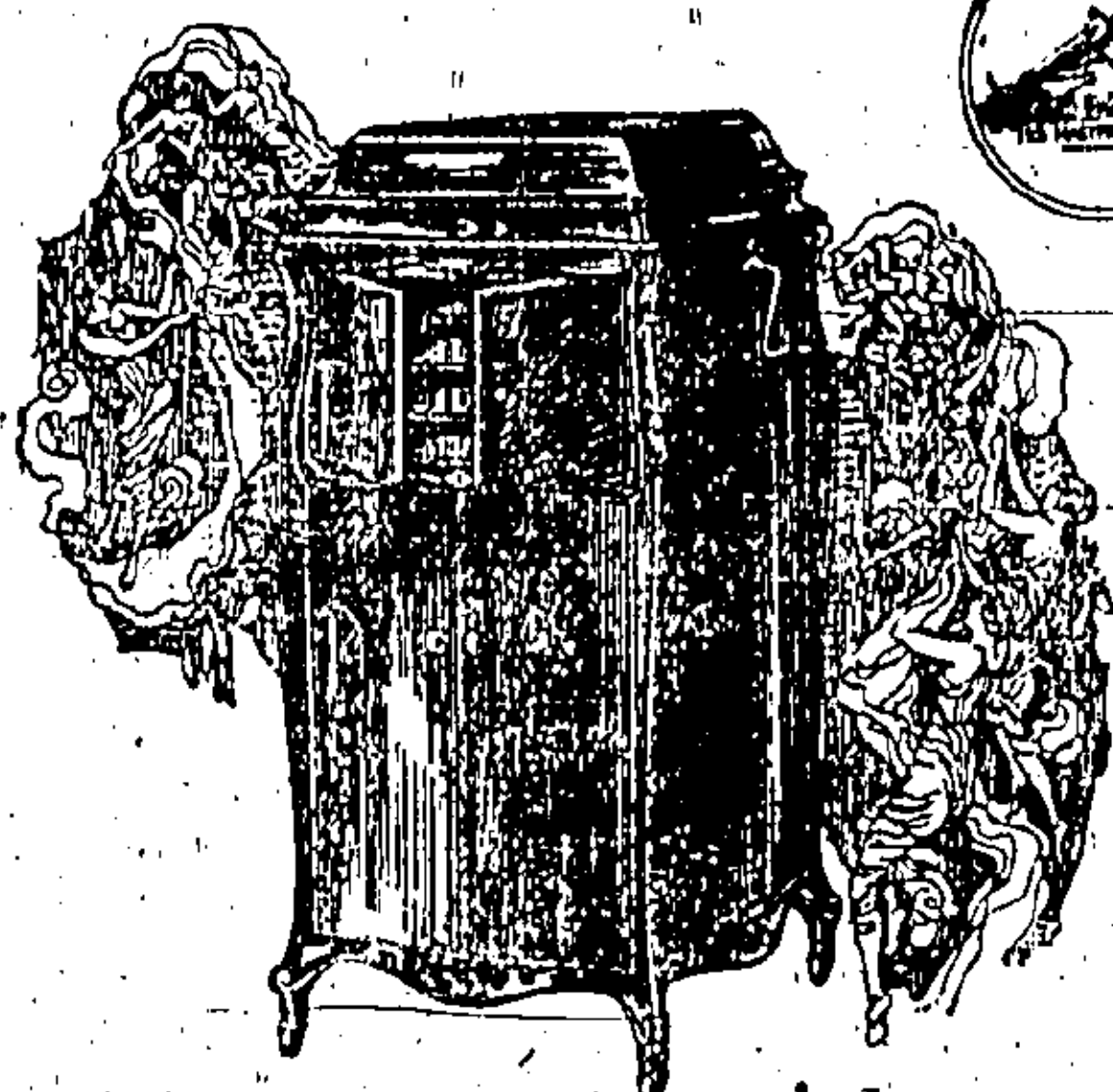
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(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 29.

Following the railway strike settlement, a dockers' strike is now threatened.

A national delegate conference of the Transport Workers' Union was held in London to-day representing 120,000 dockers throughout the country. The conference decided to instruct the members to strike on February 16, in all ports of Great Britain unless in the meantime a satisfactory settlement of the wages dispute was reached.

The dockers demand an increase of 2s. a day, and a guaranteed week's work or pay, in order to meet the problem of casual labour.

The employers say they cannot afford to pay the increase demanded, which will cost over £2,000,000 a year, in view of the depression in the shipping industry.

RAILWAY STRIKE SETTLEMENT.

LONDON, January 29.

In the terms of the settlement of the railway strike, the railway companies declare they never intended that the decisions of the wages board were obligatory, but they claim they were justified in giving effect thereto. The companies are prepared to alleviate hardship which it was represented would be involved in the decision to pay drivers and firemen on a mileage basis. So 130 miles will be equal to one day's pay. But the mileage will be increased to 140 in July and 150 in January, 1925, unless in the interval it is agreed otherwise. The companies undertake that there shall be no dismissals arising out of the application of the decision.

All strikers presenting themselves for work within a reasonable time will be reinstated as soon as practicable without reference to seniority.

The signatories agree to use every endeavour to secure that all the railwaymen will work together amicably and that any proved breach of this condition will be a case for disciplinary action by the companies.

NAVAL OIL LEASES.

DENBY DECLINES TO RESIGN.

MR. DAUGHERTY'S POSITION.

WASHINGTON, January 29.

Mr. Denby, Head of the Navy Department, has announced that he has no intention of resigning, convinced that his action in connection with the oil leases is right. He said he would do the same again regardless of the consequences.

Referring to Senator Robinson's resolution, he said he would like to see the Senator who would vote in favour of a resolution besmirching the character of any man without according him the opportunity of being heard.

Senator Wheeler proposes to move a resolution in favour of the resignation of Mr. Daugherty. Reuter's American Service.

PALATINATE OCCUPATION.

LATEST FRENCH PROPOSALS.

PARIS, January 30.

The Government has proposed to Britain that questions relating to the maintenance of public order and the security of the occupation troops in the Palatinate be submitted to the Ambassadors' Conference. The Government also favours the reinstatement of German officials whom the Separatists have expelled. Belgium has acquiesced.

SEPARATISTS REPULSED.

BERLIN, January 29.

Not a single Separatist was returned in the elections for the Palatinate Landtag.

[The Palatinate, West of the River Rhine, comprises Kaiserslautern, Mannheim, Landau and Speyer. The Palatinate takes its name from the number of royal palaces that once existed there.]

AMERICA'S PROSPERITY.

LAST YEAR'S TRADE.

WASHINGTON, January 29.

The imports for 1923 were \$3,791,000,000; against \$3,112,000,000 in 1922. The imports from Europe were \$1,157,000,000 against \$991,000,000 in 1922.

The exports totalled \$4,167,000,000 against \$3,831,000,000. Exports to Europe were \$2,093,000,000 against \$2,083,000,000 in 1922. Reuter's American Service.

BRITAIN'S GOOD FETTER.

CHAMONIX, January 29.

At ice hockey Britain beat France 15-2 and Canada beat Sweden 23-0.

In the curling Britain beat Sweden 38-7.

GREECE AND THE SOVIET.

ATHENS, January 29.

There is reason to believe the Government has decided in principle to establish commercial relations with the Soviet Government.

STILL CLOSER TIES.

LABOUR'S EMPIRE POLICY.

MAKING CHANGES SLOWLY.

DEVELOPING OVERSEAS RESOURCES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 30.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, Secretary of Colonies, received Empire Journalists at the Colonial Office and outlined the Government's Empire policy. He deprecated the idea that there would be rash and violent changes making for a New Jerusalem. The Government had an idea of a New Jerusalem but it only desired to advance by reasonable and prudent steps.

Mr. Thomas emphasised that the Labour Party was as patriotic as any other. It desired to promote the welfare of the Empire and draw the ties closer by fair dealing. He regarded it as a sacred trust which they should develop impartially and freely.

Mr. Thomas expressed goodwill towards all parts of the Empire. He was genuinely anxious that when he relinquished office nobody would be able to say that the Empire was less great as a result of the work of the Labour Government.

Replying to questions, Mr. Thomas said that he had not yet had time to study many questions, but it was madness to assume he would accept all his predecessor did or be able to tear up all he had done. All questions must be considered.

THE SINGAPORE PLAN.

As regards Singapore, a Cabinet statement would be made.

With regard to Empire development, it had already been decided that the Empire could be developed and unemployment at home could be helped by the expenditure of money, though it might not show immediate return.

The Cabinet must consider the resolutions of the Imperial Conference.

He was unable to add to the Premier's statement which would be rigidly adhered to.

As regards Kenya the Government would discharge its trust to the African natives. Very probably it would follow the policy outlined in the White Paper on the subject.

PALESTINE ROBBERS.

MOTOR CAR ATTACKED.

JERUSALEM, January 29.

Highwaymen attacked and looted a motor car containing stores from Ludd.

The occupants, Sergeant-Major Walker and Quarter-Master-Sergeant Dunn, of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, were killed. The driver was slightly wounded.

[Ludd, the ancient Diospolis, is on the caravan route from Damascus to Egypt. In the 4th century a bishopric was instituted under the name of St. George, who is said to have been born and buried there.]

MOTOR LORRY SMASH.

NAVAL MAN'S DEATH.

COLOMBO, January 27.

Petty Officer Woods was killed and six others were injured through the capsizing of a motor lorry carrying a party belonging to the Empire cruiser squadron.

The accident took place on the precipitous road between Trincomalee and Kandy.

[Trincomalee is a naval station on the North-East coast of Ceylon. Kandy is the ancient capital in the hills.]

ALLEVIATING SUFFERING.

INDIA'S BABY WEEK.

DELHI, January 27.

The first step in the campaign to combat suffering in India in the shape of a national baby week has proved very successful. Three hundred exhibitions have been held up to the present, including 60 in the native states. Lady Reading, the Viceroy's wife, opened the Delhi show amid imposing ceremony. The Viceroy, in a speech, trusted that the week would become an annual affair.

LAWN TENNIS FINALS.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

MELBOURNE, January 29.

In the Australian lawn tennis championships final, Anderson beat Schlesinger 6-1, 6-4, 2-6, 5-7, 6-3.

In the doubles Anderson and Brooks beat Patterson and O. Hara Wood 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

BOMBAY MILL STRIKE.

BOMBAY, January 29.

Ninety thousand mill hands are now on strike. Sixty-three mills are closed. The managers have announced that the mills will be closed until February 4, after which if work is not resumed unconditionally they will be closed for a further fortnight.

MEXICAN REVOLT.

MEXICO CITY, January 29.

The War Department reports that Federal troops have taken Esperanza. Reuter's American Service.

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday 19th January to Friday 1st February 1924, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 28th, 1924.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 3.00 p.m., SATURDAY February 2nd 1924, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1923.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, 21st January to SATURDAY, 2nd February 1924, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1924.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 9th February 1924, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1923.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 1st February to the 9th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be Registered.

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AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex, on MONDAY the 4th February 1924 at 5 p.m. for the purpose of confirming the resolutions passed at the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING held on the 10th January 1924.

By Order
C.B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong 23rd January, 1924.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as from January 28th, 1924 our office will be removed to CHINA BUILDING (Old Post Office Site) 1st floor, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong. Suzuki & Co., Ltd., Hongkong. P. O. Box No 304. Tel Nos. 454, 463, 3397 & 2453. Hongkong, 26th January, 1924.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

When "Mr. White" was called in a case at Bow County Court a black man stepped into the box.

The General Medical Council at a meeting in London decided to erase from the Medical Register the name of Patrick Joseph Homan, of Glendore Park, Antrim-road, Belfast, for unprofessional conduct at Guildford last July.

There should be keen competition among farm labourers for the long service medals and certificates the Royal Agricultural Society proposes to offer. The contests would be open to all England, whereas rewards hitherto have been limited to local agricultural shows.

MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

The Swedish Government has decided to abolish obligatory passport visas between Sweden and Holland.

An Anglo-Polish Commercial Treaty, providing for economic co-operation between the two countries, was signed in Warsaw.

The British mission of ordnance experts arrived at Boulogne to inspect the breaking up of war ammunition in the near-by former British camp of Danes Carriers.

The bodies of the crew of the missing collier "Conovium" (182 tons), which left Glasgow on October 2 for Dundalk with coals, have been washed up on the Cumberland coast.

Agreements were signed between representatives of Bulgaria and South Slavia providing for extradition and mutual judicial assistance and for reciprocal medical assistance.

The Russian Soviet Government has decreed that the metric system shall come into force at once in State institutions, and that after January 1, 1927, it shall be obligatory throughout Russia.

A train dashed into one of the gates at a railway crossing between Scarborough and Pickering while Mrs. Widd, who lives at Gate House, was opening them. She was injured in the head and foot.

The Bishops of London and Worcester are on the Church Assembly Committee which will reconsider the Union of Benefices and Disposal of Churches (Metropolis) Measure 1923, on which the fate of the City churches depends.

At his wish, the remains of Sir L. Lindsay-Hogg, the horse-breeding authority, who died at Rotherfield Hall, his Sussex seat, were borne to the church-yard at the funeral on a wagon drawn by two farm horses.

General Malletto, who at the beginning of the war commanded a French infantry regiment, has died, aged 64. He was the head of the Paris Army Museum. Wounded in 1914 in the Argonne, he had to have both an arm and a leg amputated.

The special fee payable, besides ordinary postage, on letters for Iraq (Mesopotamia) and Northern and Western Persia intended for transmission from Egypt by the fortnightly Cairo-Baghdad air service has been reduced to 3d. for each oz. or part of an oz.

A tunny fish six feet long and weighing nearly two hundredweight has been shot and caught in shallow water at Downerry, near Plymouth. The tunny, which preys on herrings and pilchards, is usually found in the Mediterranean and off the American coast.

The original manuscript of Scott's "Redgauntlet," recently sold in London for £520, has been bought by Mr. H. P. Macmillan, K.C., and presented by him to the Advocates' Library, Edinburgh, on condition that it will later be transferred to the proposed National Library of Scotland.

An eye-witness of the killing of the two bank messengers at a Brooklyn tube station on November 14 picked out at New York police headquarters from a long line of men Joseph Diamond, a brother of Morris Diamond, who was arrested the day before, as the actual slayer of the messenger Barlow.

In connection with money alleged to have been obtained for promoting a film, the St. Helier (Jersey) police arrested Sidney Webber Northcote, of Seaford, Lancashire, described as director of productions of "Victory Photographs," Alfred Henry Turpin, of Hampstead, N.W., general manager, Reginald Christopher Rayburn, business, and publicity director, Mrs. Northcote and Miss Palmer, members of the company.

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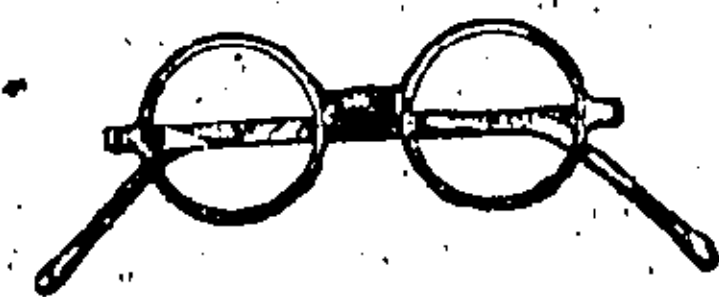
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GOLF.

Happy is that man who has found his work we are told. We quite believe there are numbers of men who have not found their work. Theirs is not the hand that rings the bell that calls the underling or the hiring to attention; that draws the cheque that meets all the debts that are incurred, and that receives the respectful salutations of "the rest of the staff." Of course a man can be happy in his work even if his capacity for management or control is limited. The statement can be applied generally, and not less so than with regard to the games we play. Happy then is that man who has found his game. And happy seems to be the man who has found in golf the game that gives him pleasure, that exercises his mind and his muscle, and brings him out in the open where the air is pure and undisturbed, and where there is a quiet and refreshment to be had for the asking. Such an one is an enthusiast. He selects his clubs with care and the ball he does not slice, but he sends on its speedy way with deadly accuracy, if only he is on top of his game, receives the same attention that a would be

groom devotes to the attributes of the lady he hopes some day to marry. He is fairly keen—he might be a little keener—in the way his Club is managed, and elects men to office who hold golf only second in their affections to the pursuit of business. Pleading is his mecca at the week-ends—so much so that the numbers of him who make that pleasant journey have caused his Committee to become faced with problems that have exercised the best brains of them. Their latest decision is not likely to please everyone, but it seems the best in all the circumstances. A congestion on the course has led to a congestion in the Club House. To have provided a new course would presumably have relieved the congestion on the course now in use, but not relieved, but added to, the congestion in the Club House. And it is one thing to walk the Fanning "Moores" for a couple of hours, and then come tired out, to find there is "no room at the inn"; that bath is impossible to procure, or tiffin either, because other enthusiasts predominate and first wants are being first supplied. We know the added joy of coming back from a game to sit down to such a meal as the Fanning people are able to supply, and to sit comfortably in an upholstered chair, or to lie negligently on a cane chair and feast our eyes on the shrill green of the grass, or the varied hues of

blossoming blooms round the Club House. The decision now arrived at seems the best. At least we hope it will prove to be so—even that Mr. Gompertz may at times come back from his fishing, feeling that the call still holds and that there is nothing finer—except perhaps sending a scoundrel to gaol—than knocking "1" out of golf.

We hope some day that the benefits of golf will be fully recognised, and that the right of the community generally to an opportunity to play the game will also be recognised. In the meantime, let us praise God for golf; and if we seem not too sentimental or religious, for the Royal Hongkong Golf Club. Amen!

As soon as she heard her husband insert his latch-key in the door, she rushed out into the hall to meet him. "Mary gave me notice this morning," she said; "she told me that you spoke most rudely over the telephone to her."

"Good heavens, my dear," answered her husband, "I thought I was speaking to you!"

That is the name of a little book written by Humbert Wolfe (Chapman and Hall).

It is a small book and the diameters of some of the Circular Saws are very tiny, but put your own particular blunt finger to their speed-sleepy edges! Thus "Tantale Religio."

"And another thing. In the gardens of Haroun-al-Raschid, just past the corner where one pale rose watches her tranquil shadow in the ice-blue water of a marbled pond, grew a black tree that could not wait for the Arabian spring. But on the contrary, instead of leaves she threw over her graceful shoulders a cloak sprinkled with red blossom. And that in a single night."

"Oh miracle," said the first gardener next morning when he observed this bright irregularity, "and snow has fallen in the night."

"Oh marvel," a swarm of red butterflies, "Oh wonder," cried the third, "a little lantern in each lighted twig." "You must be blind," said the first; "or a numb skull," cried the second; "or mad," said the third. And thereupon, as was only to be expected, the three fell to fighting furiously one with another.

"What are those men doing?" whispered the terrified blossoms to the mother tree; "we are afraid!" "Hush! blossoms," murmured the tree, "they think that we are a divine manifestation."

"What is that?" asked the blossoms.

"The appearance of the God they worship, upon earth," replied the tree.

"And how do you know?" cried the blossoms, "that they think so?" "Because," said the tree as the last gardener fell heavily to the ground, "they are killing one another."

This is not exactly the weather when young men's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. What prompted the poet to perpetrate the following, we do not know; probably the death of his mother-in-law.

Let your whiskers grow, let your whiskers grow, Don't waste your time in shaving! Tear them out by the roots, They'll make laces for your boots, And look at the money you'll be saving!

"It is worth while to dwell a moment on the word 'poignant,'" writes Joseph Warren Beach, in *The Atlantic Monthly* in the course of a discussion on "Froud Words." This word, he adds, meaning, as it does, simply keen or piercing, or pungent, "is prized for suggesting emotion both strong and rare, so that the author feels himself to be writing in a manner at once vigorous and precious."

Commend us to the consideration of several classic examples. For instance Mrs. Disraeli is supposed not to have mentioned the insignificant fact to her husband who was on his way to the House of Commons to deliver a very important speech, that one of her fingers was safely, if painfully fastened in the cab door, lest he became concerned and be put off from doing his best with his speech. This week Home weeklies with the following announcement prominently displayed:

No issue of *The New Statesman* will be published next week. The period of postal subscriptions will be extended accordingly. We take this course because publication, though possible, would necessarily deprive many members of the editorial and technical staffs of their Christmas holidays. We have sought to reach a common agreement on this question with our contributors, but we have not succeeded. We advise our readers, if they feel that they cannot for fourteen days dispense with a weekly review, to buy the *Spectator* and read for one week the other side.

In these days of rabid commercialism this strikes us as an interesting example of consideration to employees and readers alike which should ensure for those responsible, a rich reward.

To-day's Poem.
The Dawn, O Master of the World, thy dawn;
The hour the lilies open on the lawn,
The hour the grey wings pass beyond the mountains,
The hour of silence when we hear the fountains,
The hour when dreams are brighter and winds colder,
The hour that young love wakes on a white shoulder,
O Master of the World, the Persian dawn.

That hour, O Master, shall be bright for thee;
Thy merchants chase the morning down the sea,
The braves who fight thy war unsheathe the sabre,
The slaves who work thy mines are lashed to labour,
For thee the waggons of the world are drawn,
The ebony of night, the red of dawn.

—FROM ISHAQ'S SPEECH, in Hassan.

WEATHER CALENDAR.
JANUARY 30.
1667. Fast-day for the King's death. Past-day. Moonshine and fair weather, and so into the garden with Mécure, and sang till my wife put me in mind of its being a fast day.—Pepys.

LIVE.
Life is an eternal to-day. Its happiest moment is now. Yesterday was experience, to-morrow is anticipation, but to-day is reality, it is everything, it is life. Live! live! There never was a yesterday; there never will be a to-morrow.

SHADOWS BEFORE.
Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.
January 30.—Coronet Theatre; "One Exciting Night."
January 30.—Star Theatre; "Don't Get Personal."
January 30.—World Theatre "Morals."
February 18.—Pianoforte Recital at City Hall, 5.30 p.m.

SOCIAL.
January 31.—Musical at Helena May Institute, 4.30 p.m.
February 4.—Concert in St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon, 9 p.m.
February 4.—Grand Chinese Carnival in the Hongkong Hotel Grill Rooms, 8-12 p.m.
February 23.—Royal Air Force Reunion Dinner.
March 1.—St. David's Society Dinner.

LAND SALE.
February 4.—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown land at Shaikwan, 3 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
February 1.—One-hundred and fourth ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong-Canton and Macao Steamship Co., Ltd., at the Offices of the Company, Noon.
February 2.—Fifth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., at the registered office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, 3 p.m.

OTHER MEETINGS.
February 4.—General Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club in the Hongkong Club Annex, 5 p.m.

MUSICAL TALENT.

HONGKONG'S PROGRESS.

Professor Danenberg's pupils' memory test recitals deserve to be better known than they are. The pilgrimage to a visit to a Salon, and the Professor's studio becomes a place where one meets the spirits of the past. For here is offered to us at the hands of young musicians the outpourings of such geniuses as Chopin, Beethoven, Chaminade, Heller, Debussy, and Saint Saens. Saturday's gathering seemed to exceed the others which have been given, in certain points of interest. A little Finnish girl, Signe Rintala sang very sweetly two songs. One in Russian and the other in English, whilst young Emil Danenberg again made the mind to pause in wondering how such gifts of musical expression and knowledge come to be stored in such a small compass. Young Emil played a cycle of eight pieces, and joined his father in a duet for two pianos, playing with all the skill and aplomb of an artist of a much older growth. All the young performers played with a sureness of touch and expression which we have come to expect from them. If any suggest that any did it, it was Miss Clara Wong who played Rachmaninoff's Prelude in C Sharp minor in perfect manner. A long experience of that now famous piece made us believe that it had no fresh attractions for us, or that a more sombre, yet dignified, note could be imparted to it. Miss Wong disproved this. Also the fact that music and its instrumental interpretation is not the sole possession of westerners. Amongst the enthusiasts present on Saturday, who stayed until the last item and enjoyed every moment of their stay, we noticed Dr. and Mrs. Fenton.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lighting up time to-day is at 6.10 p.m.

T.T. exchange on London is 2/3½; on Shanghai 70½.

Members of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association are reminded of the Extraordinary General Meeting in the College Hall to-day at 5.30 p.m.

A fifty-year old chair coolie collapsed in the Albany yesterday while carrying a European passenger. He died later at the Government Civil Hospital.

Command Orders state that the official rate of the dollar for all payments fixed in sterling, which have to be made in Hongkong and on the China Station, during the month of February, will be 2s. 4d.

One of a gang of armed robbers who raided No. 40 Shaikwan Road was arrested yesterday in the Ming Yuen Gardens with three revolvers in his possession. Evidence of identification was given at the Police Court this morning and the accused was remanded.

The Rev. G.R. Lindsay, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, asks us to correct a misstatement in the *China Mail* regarding the recent discussion on the abolition of pew rents. He states that Mr. D. A. Purves did not propose the continuance of pew rents at the annual meeting as reported by us.

Resolutions altering the Articles of Association and increasing the Capital of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., from \$2,000,000 to \$6,000,000, were confirmed as Special Resolutions at an extraordinary general meeting held at the offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., yesterday. Resolutions were also passed capitalising part of the undivided profits. Mr. R. G. Shewan presided.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.
According to a *Reuter* message from the Hague, Prince Henry visits Spain in March, travelling on the warship "Heemskerk."

The following Hongkong residents are expected back in the Colony shortly by the "Khyber": Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. W. Pryde, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Tratman, Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Batchelor, Miss D. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. G. S. McCarr.

Captain C. F. J. Bensley, R.G.A., is granted leave of absence on private affairs, from 4th to 10th February, for the purpose of proceeding to Swatow. Major S. B. Coates, M.C.O., is granted 12 months' leave of absence from 14th March, for the purpose of proceeding to the United Kingdom.

BANK PAYS.

FORGERY ACTION VERDICT.

WIN FOR PLAINTIFFS.

MR. JENKIN'S COUR.

Following yesterday afternoon's totally unexpected development when the plaintiffs' counsel, Mr. F. C. Jenkin, succeeded in making the defendants' handwriting expert practically eat his own words, the case in which the Tai Wo firm sued the Bank of East Asia for \$72,000 odd ended suddenly this morning when the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies K.C.) directed the special jury to return a verdict in the plaintiff's favour. The plaintiffs, the Tai Wo Company of Eastern Street, claimed \$72,665, which they said had been deposited with the Bank. The Bank admitted that the money had been deposited but contended that \$72,000 of it had been paid out on two cheques drawn by the plaintiffs, leaving a credit balance of \$665 which had been paid into Court. The plaintiffs' answer to this was that these cheques were forged.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Lo and Lo) appeared for the plaintiffs and the Bank was represented by Mr. Eldon Potter K.C., with Mr. Campbell Prosser (instructed by Messrs. Deacon, Johnston and Shenton).

The special jurors called were: Messrs. T. E. Pearce (foreman), J. E. Smith, W. Nicholson, H. E. Parkinson, T. Arthur and J. McArthur.

Yesterday Afternoon's Surprise.
Mr. E. R. Dovey, the expert witness upon whom the defendants relied to establish that the disputed cheques bore genuine signatures by Lau Se-yuen, the manager of the plaintiff firm, had spent a couple of hours in the witness box yesterday morning when, with the aid of numerous photographs, he demonstrated to the Court the reasons which led him to conclude that the writing was Lau Se-yuen's and could not possibly be anyone else's. His evidence seemed so entirely to clinch the matter that it came as a bolt from the blue when, cross-examining in the afternoon, Mr. Jenkin, after demonstrations with a microscope, drew from Mr. Dovey the admission that his evidence of the morning must be retracted since the suspected cheques were clearly forgeries made by tracing.

The first suggestion of the coup Mr. Jenkin had up his sleeve came when he asked Mr. Dovey if he was familiar with the test of superimposition in the case of suspected tracing. Mr. Dovey replied that he was but had not used that method in this case and was of opinion the signatures had not been traced.

Mr. Jenkin: Well I'm going to show you that there is tracing. I ask you to accept it from me that within 15 minutes of the bundle of cheques coming into my hands last Wednesday I discovered myself scrawling on the genuine cheque. When I show you with a microscope you will see the tracing running up and down the signature like nullaks.

Demonstrations.
Mr. Jenkin then gave a series of interesting demonstrations. He showed Mr. Dovey a signature on the last genuine cheque under a glass and asked what could be seen.

Mr. Dovey: There has been a point passed over the whole signature. That is, there is a groove over the whole writing.

Mr. Jenkin then demonstrated the same thing to his Lordship, the jury and counsel for the defendants.

Mr. Jenkin: Can one suspect tracing?
Mr. Dovey: Yes.
Mr. Jenkin, handing the judge a paper, "Do you see your signature my Lord?"
His Lordship: Yes.
Mr. Jenkin: Well it's not yours, I wrote it. (Laughter).

His Lordship: If you're not careful, Mr. Jenkin, we shall begin to think that you are responsible for these tracings. (Laughter).

Mr. Jenkin, in reply to an observation by Mr. Potter—"I shall forge one for \$20,000 on your account!"
Mr. Potter: It wouldn't be a bit of use to you Mr. Jenkin. (Laughter).

Further cross-examination: Mr. Dovey agreed that comparative measurement would demonstrate that a suspected signature had been traced from a genuine one.

"Very Suspicious."
Thereupon Mr. Jenkin requested Mr. Dovey to measure the enlargements of Lau Se-yuen's signatures on Mr. Dovey made measurements on a genuine one and on a suspected one. He found the length of the genuine signature 49.8 millimetres and the suspected 50 millimetres. The 102 from top to bottom measured 19.3 millimetres on the genuine and 20 millimetres on the other one.

Mr. Jenkin: Practically identical?
Mr. Dovey: Very close.

Mr. Jenkin: Are you commencing to doubt whether the signatures have been traced?
Mr. Dovey: If one of the suspected signatures will super-

impose I can have no doubt that it is a forgery.

Mr. Jenkin: Another way is comparative measurement?
Witness: Yes, but it only deals with a few points.

Mr. Jenkin: I'm going to give you plenty more. Are you getting a bit doubtful?
Witness: It looks very suspicious.

Mr. Jenkin: We put much weight on your opinion in this court and I'm obliged to you for your statement.

In reply to further questions Mr. Dovey said what had been brought out was remarkable.

Mr. Jenkin: It is a remarkable thing that it is entirely overlooked by an expert of some standing. Have you any doubt that the signatures on the application form is a forgery? I have more points you know!

Mr. Dovey: I don't think there is much doubt.

The Chief Justice: That applies to the application form.

Undoubtedly Traced.
Mr. Jenkin: You may withdraw the whole of your evidence which was this morning directed towards proving that this signature was not a forgery?

Mr. Dovey: This is much stronger evidence: it only goes to show the cleverness of the forgery.

He agreed that it was undoubtedly traced from a genuine signature and that his evidence in chief must be withdrawn.

Mr. Jenkin: Having to admit that the photos can now be torn up, do you still hold the confirmed opinion that the signatures were written by the man Lau Se-yuen himself?

Mr. Dovey: It certainly throws very great doubt upon it.

Mr. Jenkin: I put it to you that this writing is that of a man of much greater vigour and a more youthful man than the man who wrote the genuine ones?

Mr. Dovey: I consider that they are written more carefully. The angles are more curved.

Mr. Jenkin: Exactly.
Mr. Dovey added that this was not so in the body of the cheques.

Mr. Jenkin: Quite so. I shall bury that body I expect. The witness said he could not admit that the writing on the suspected cheques was left to dry when written and that on the genuine ones it had been blotted.

Mr. Jenkin: You are an expert you know. Do you mean to say you can't tell us whether any of these have been blotted or allowed to dry?

Mr. Dovey: It is quite possible that the suspected ones were allowed to dry. He added that no reason for this suggested itself to him.

Pale Places.
Mr. Jenkin: Do you know what Hans Gross says about pale places?—No.

Mr. Jenkin: You agree that in a genuine signature there are pale places and that in forgeries there are not?—Yes.

Mr. Jenkin: I put it to you that there are pale places in all the genuine signatures in this case.

Mr. Dovey: Quite. But I could write a forged signature with pale places.

Mr. Jenkin: Yes, so could I.

Mr. Dovey in reply to further questions admitted that he entertained doubts about the two cheques, not that they were written by the same man as the genuine ones, but in the sense that they were written by another hand, the true forger.

Mr. Jenkin: You have no doubt in your mind that through the instrumentality of some forger this man Lau Se-yuen and the Bank have been defrauded?

Mr. Dovey: No.

Mr. Jenkin here intimated that he would not further cross-examine Mr. Dovey and Mr. Potter asked for permission for the cheques in question to be taken away by him for examination before he re-examined.

His Lordship called all counsel into chambers and after a short consultation adjourned the court till this morning.

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. Dovey Re-examined.
When the hearing was resumed this morning, Mr. Dovey was briefly re-examined by Mr. Potter. The effect of the evidence he gave was that as far as he could find, the signatures on the two suspected cheques and the receipt for the new cheque book had not been traced from genuine signatures on cheques held by the Bank.

The foreman of the jury (Mr. T. E. Pearce): Mr. Dovey told us yesterday that one of the peculiarities in both the suspected and genuine signatures is that the "upward" strokes are as thick as the downward ones. We should like to know whether it would be possible, in going over the signature to make a stencil, to make the upward strokes the same thickness as the downward ones?

Mr. Dovey: It would be possible for the upward stroke of any letter to be made as heavily as in the downward stroke.

"I tried it myself this morning," the foreman explained. "With my own signature" he hastened to add amidst laughter.

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BANK PAYS.

(Continued from page 4.)

A Legal Argument.
When Mr. Dovey had left the box, Mr. Potter said that he wanted to call another witness from the Bank.

The Chief Justice: But you have closed your case.

Mr. Potter: No, My Lord, my case was not actually closed.

The Chief Justice: Pardon me. It was.

Mr. Potter: I told Your Lordship I was going to make an application in law before I closed my case.

The Chief Justice: The note I made was that you closed your case subject to any re-examination of Mr. Dovey.

Mr. Potter agreed that he said that, his intention being at that time not to call any further evidence. Even, however, if he had closed his case he should still have made application to call this evidence in view of the suggestion made yesterday that it was somebody in the bank who did this stonelling on the signature.

It was only fair, he claimed, that the Bank should have the opportunity of proving what happened to these cheques.

The Chief Justice: Your case has been that the cheques are genuine. You called an expert witness yesterday and he says, after a great deal of consideration, that the cheques are forgeries. It is not suggested that it was done with any connivance of the bank or anybody else.

Law About Cheques.
Mr. Potter rejoined that his case in law had been and always would be that if a man was aware that a cheque was issued by his firm or if a man was aware that a cheque had been issued it was unimportant whether his name appeared on that cheque or not as long as knowledge was brought home to him of the issue of the cheque.

The Chief Justice: There is no evidence of that.

Mr. Jenkins: It is not even pleaded.

Mr. Potter: The law is that where a man knows a cheque is issued it does not matter what name that cheque bears upon it. It is nevertheless his cheque and it binds him, provided he is aware of its issue.

The Chief Justice: There is no evidence on that.

Mr. Potter: I shall, My Lord, when the time comes, show that there is ample evidence. I put it to Mr. Jenkins in my opening that if our case was true it was a swindle in which Lau Se-yuen played a part.

The Chief Justice: You never suggested it and if there had been anything of the kind you could have put it in a further pleading that if the cheques were forged they were forged with the connivance of the plaintiff firm.

Mr. Potter said what he was submitting at the moment was that if Lau Se-yuen knew these cheques were drawn in favour of the Yangtze Trading Company it was a matter of indifference what name was on the cheque or what chop was on the cheque.

Question of Pleadings.
The Chief Justice: Do you say you can raise that side of the case without it being pleaded?

Mr. Potter: Certainly, because they are the firm's cheques.

The Chief Justice: The jury would have to be satisfied that the cheques were forged. Well, that is done on your own evidence, although you said they were not. I am assuming now that you could have pleaded the alternative position you now take up but you have not pleaded it. You stand upon your definite allegation that the cheques were valid and your evidence was called to support it.

Mr. Potter: That was not my case. Part of my case was that one of the most essential portions of that cheque—the chop—was a forgery.

The Chief Justice: You have a duty as counsel, Mr. Potter, and I have a duty as judge. My duty is to see that what is left to the jury for their consideration is based on proper authority.

His Lordship's Ruling.
After further discussion the Chief Justice said he should rule that Mr. Potter ought to have pleaded the submission he was now raising.

Mr. Potter: Your Lordship is ruling that a cheque which has on it a forged chop and a forged signature cannot be binding on a firm?

The Chief Justice: I am not ruling anything of the sort. You are making an alternative suggestion and although you did not rely on the forgery in any way because your expert witness says the cheques are forgeries you say that if the cheques are forgeries they were done with the authority of the plaintiff firm.

Mr. Potter: That is a point, My Lord, raised in the pleadings.

Mr. Jenkins: Your case, up to three weeks ago, was that the chop on these cheques was the firm's chop.

Mr. Potter: My friend could not show that my case was going to be entirely new case.

PIRATES ROUTED.

LOCAL LAUNCH ATTACKED AT NAMTAO.

The story of yet another piracy was told yesterday with the arrival in Hongkong of the launch "Hau Hoi" which was attacked just after her arrival at Hau-hoi (Namtao) at 5.30 a.m. yesterday morning.

According to the coxswain the launch left Hongkong at noon on Monday carrying about 80 passengers and a miscellaneous cargo. On her mooring at Hau-hoi, a boat with fifteen armed men aboard drew alongside. The pirates, brandishing revolvers, clambered aboard the launch, overpowered two watchmen, and covered the crew and passengers with their guns. They ordered the coxswain to steer towards Pak Shek where an hour later the launch ran aground. The pirates searched the passengers and thoroughly looted the boat and then lowered themselves into a sampun. The coxswain and the comrades were forced to accompany the pirates.

The timely arrival of the launch "Lee Pat"—which was punted a few months ago—and a big junk prevented the men from effecting a clean escape. The crew of the "Lee Pat" opened fire on the sampun and for a time there was a stiff encounter, two of the pirates falling mortally wounded. Eventually, the pirates were routed with the appearance on the scene of the "Hau On" and made a hasty retreat in the direction of Pak Shek. Fortunately there were no casualties sustained by the crews of the junk, the "Lee Pat" or the "Hau On."

During the battle, the coxswain and comrades of the "Hau Hoi" were picked up by one of the launches.

It is not yet known of the value of the stolen cargo and passengers' property.

CAPTURED MISSIONARY.

DR. THOMPSON WELL-KNOWN HERE.

Doctor Thompson, who was proceeding to Peking, with the object of handing over Brigadier General Pereira's belongings, and making a full report regarding the latter's death, and who was captured by bandits on the 24th inst., at Pao-towchen, some distance westward of the Peking-Suiyuan terminus is well known locally. Dr. H. G. Thompson is on the staff of the Church Missionary Society stationed at Yunnanfu with Dr. N. Bradley. Prior to going to Yunnanfu, Dr. Thompson worked at Pakhoi amongst the lepers. He is a distinguished surgeon. As a holiday task he deputised for Dr. Saunders at the Matilda Hospital and has given several addresses in Hongkong. His sister is Mrs. Lindsay, wife of the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, St. Andrews, Kowloon. At the moment Mrs. Thompson is staying at the Vicarage and is anxiously awaiting news of her husband.

they could not on the face of the pleadings have had the slightest inkling. May I not be frank with you in saying that the only reason why you did not put in such an alternative plea was that you relied on the expert evidence you had and believed that the cheques were genuine?

Mr. Potter said that the only reason he did not file a rejoinder was that he thought the pleadings were complete. When the pleading was drawn and the statement of defence was drawn it was not known that the chop was a forged one. It was only the other day that they discovered it.

The Chief Justice: It is an entirely new case. You never opened it and never made any suggestion of it throughout the evidence.

Mr. Jenkins: May I just say this, My Lord.

The Chief Justice: I do not think it is necessary. I shall certainly not allow Mr. Potter at this stage of the case to present an entirely new case to the jury which, in my judgment, should have been pleaded.

The Verdict.
Addressing the jury, the Chief Justice said, he would very much prefer to have adopted their verdict, as men of experience in these matters, but the case had assumed a form in which he had to take the only course open to him, having regard to the evidence. "I am clearly of opinion," His Lordship declared, "for the reasons which I have given that I could not allow the learned counsel to ask you to find a verdict on the alternative that has been suggested. To adopt that course would be almost without precedent. I therefore point out that your duty is purely a ministerial one and I have to ask you to find a verdict for the plaintiffs."

The jury having formally returned a verdict as directed by the Chief Justice judgment was entered for the plaintiffs. A sum of £10,000 was awarded. The question of interest on the amount claimed was referred to the Chief Justice.

Entirely New Case.
The Chief Justice: Mr. Potter, you are raising up an entirely new case of which

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THAT EDUCATION BOARD.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—A certain amount of salt should be taken to take away the taste provided by the speeches delivered at times at prize-distributions. Mr. Teesdale Mackintosh is the latest and let us hope the last, of these feeble utterances which are said to be punctuated—or punctured, with applause. Its only claim to originality is its quotations from the Bible. On that I will only say that a certain gentleman is said to quote scripture when it suits his purposes.

Mr. Mackintosh opens himself to an accusation of inaccuracy when he alleges—according to your report, that "they (those who are guiding local education—presumably the members of the Education Board) are really not quite so ludicrous as some public men would use you to believe." The word "ludicrous" has been used only in one quarter, and then, not in reference to members of the Board, but to the meetings of the Board—a vastly different thing, Mr. Editor. In holding forth publicly, Mr. Mackintosh needs to be reminded that the duty of a speaker is to be strictly accurate. However now that he has broken a long silence we may expect to have his reply to Mr. Fletcher's letter of a few months ago, which so far as public memory goes seems to have remained unanswered.

Yours etc.,
CAINE ROAD,
Hongkong, January 29.

PIRATE ATTACKS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir,—Regarding "Const Officer's" letter in your issue of yesterday replying to mine printed in your Saturday paper, I still affirm that what he is pleased to call my "superficial view of things" combined with what one reads of the "Tai Lee" piracy, does produce and convey one very obvious solution, to, if not the suppression, then the lessening of the opportunities of which the pirates make such excellent use. The point I made special mention of as you know, Mr. Editor, was the question of the laxity of discipline, whereby the chief officer's revolver was locked away in a drawer, a fact bound to be observed by the crew, and one which might be suggested as having first put the idea of an easy piracy into the boatswain's head.

I never hinted or suggested that it was either an Army or a Navy job, but I do think that such slack discipline, resulting in the loss of human life should not be tolerated—and it would not have been, in the Army. What about this bit in brackets?

"Const Officer's" letter distinctly avoids this one important fact—the one fact I intended to convey, and his disregard of same, rather leads me to believe that he is of the same opinion as I, namely, that it is lax discipline on the part of the chief officer of the "Tai Lee," and as the pirates have no wish to be caught, they only take advantage of ships where, shall I say, suitable opportunities offer. Such as these.

Yours etc.,
READER,
Hongkong, January 29.

LONDON, January 29.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer has announced that the Government has decided that it is not prepared to dispose of a fifth of Government shareholdings in the Anglo-Persian Oil Company—*Reuter*.

STRAITS MAN'S NEW POST.

GOVERNOR OF WINDWARD ISLES.

Reuter cables from London that Sir Frederick Selton James, K.B.E., Colonial Secretary of the Straits Settlements, has been appointed Governor of the Windward Islands in succession to Sir George Basil Smith, K.C.M.G., the distinguished soldier who has held the post since 1914.

Sir Frederick James, who has been Colonial Secretary of the Straits Settlements since 1916, has had extensive experience in Nigeria, where he acted as Governor during 1912. He was Food Controller of Malaya in 1918 and Officer Administering the Government in 1919.

A Crown Colony in the West Indies, the Windward Isles comprise the south-east portion of the Lesser Antilles (St. Vincent, Grenada, Grenadines, Tobago and St. Lucia). The total area is 664 square miles.

KOWLOON GOLF.

UNITED SERVICES R.C. v KOWLOON C.C.

On Sunday last the United Services Recreation Club entertained the Kowloon Cricket Club at King's Park, probably for the last time. An enjoyable match ended in a draw, the Kowloon C.C. being one up in the morning and one down in the afternoon.

The course is about to be cut up and laid out to meet the requirements of local clubs, but should the inroads of the contractor permit, the Kowloon C.C. and the United Services R.C. will meet again on February 17, and there will be no room for other golfers on the course on this date.

The scores in Sunday's match were as under:

SINGLES.	
Gandy	1
Alexander	1
Lindsay	1
Hooper	1
Franks	1
Chippindall	1
Meredith	1
Cokes	1
Brockman	1
Smalley	1
Beall	1
McGullick	1
Brown	1
Buckle	1
Lalor	1
Scarl	1
Fletcher	0
Overy	0
Avenell	0
Hyde	0
Wheeler	0
Mason	0
Brown	0
Moonghan	0
Page	0
Davidson	0
Edwards	0
Stevens	0
Cornley	0
Smith	0

7½ 8½

FOURSOMES.

Gandy	1	Fletcher and
Lindsay	1	Overy
Hooper	1	Avenell
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Last week 104 cases of small pox were reported and there were 29 deaths from the disease. Twenty-one fresh cases were notified yesterday.

LABOUR'S CAUSE.

DR. SUN'S CABLES TO MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen has cabled the following message to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald:

"Permit a fellow-worker in the cause of Labour to send you fraternal greetings and hail your Party's accession to power as marking a new era, not only in English history but in the secular affairs of nations."

"We look to you to deal with China, not as if she were still a conquered nation of the days of opium wars and Boxer outbreak (which has seemed to be the implicit or unconscious attitude of your predecessors in foreign office and successive British Ministers to this country) but as the home of a people whose civilizing work in Asia, both as conqueror and teacher, entitles them to at least the same treatment now accorded to nations whose sovereignty has been freed of pre-war fetters. And in particular, I have to ask you to examine afresh the fanciful views which some of your official subordinates hold of me as a Labour leader, and a Socialist."

SUN YAT-SEN.

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DIVIDEND FOR 1923.

The Directors of the Hongkong Tramways Ltd. have recommended a final dividend for 1923 of \$1.75 per share.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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PARTICULARS AND Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 4th day of February, 1934, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of ONE LOT OF CROWN LAND at Shaokwan in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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"MORSA"	10,811	23rd Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"ALIPPORE"	5,273	27th Feb.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"NAGPORE"	5,273	4th Mar.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"PERIM"	7,548	6th Mar.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"KARMA"	6,098	8th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KIDDERPORE"	5,214	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"VALDERA"	15,822	23rd Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"PADDIA"	5,977	23rd Mar.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"SICILIA"	6,812	28th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KRYBER"	9,014	8th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"CHINA"	7,551	10th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SOUDAN"	6,892	23rd Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"KALYAN"	8,118	3rd May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"PLASSY"	7,426	17th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,903	24th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KHIVA"	8,027	31st May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,840	7th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MORSA"	10,811	23rd June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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"JAPAN"	6,892	6th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
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"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	2nd Feb.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday at 4 p.m.
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"EASTERN"	4,000	at 11 a.m.	Moji and Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,892	4th Feb.	Shanghai.
"PERIM"	7,548	7th Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"VALDERA"	15,822	8th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,892	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"PADDIA"	5,977	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KRYBER"	9,014	23rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NELORE"	8,053	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"CHINA"	7,551	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,892	15th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KALYAN"	8,118	23rd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,903	4th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,800	8th Apr.	Shanghai.
"ROUDAN"	6,892	8th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"PLASSY"	7,426	15th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHIVA"	8,027	22nd May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"EASTERN"	4,000	2nd May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	16th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MORSA"	10,811	30th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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PEKING PARS. INTERESTING NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

January 17.
Mr. Alex Ramsay, well-known in Hongkong newspaper circles has been presented with the English and Latin patents, giving him the honour of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. This is the first time this high order has been conferred in Peking. To present the honour a special meeting of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry was held at the Masonic Temple.

We learn that Mei Lan-fang, the famous Chinese actor is to make a trip to Japan, where he will give several performances in aid of charity for the relief of earthquake sufferers. In addition to this he will give a special entertainment in connection with the forthcoming Imperial wedding.

To meet the expenses of the newly formed Railway protection force, General Tang-Tai-ling needs \$20,000 a month. The Ministry of communications finds it anything but easy to raise this sum, and has (meantime) promised to try and raise half the amount needed.

Many schemes are being thought out to raise funds all round, and recently, in a circular telegram, the Ministry of Finance announced its intention of imposing an income tax, beginning with Government Officials who received not less than \$100 per month; the proceeds are to go towards national education, and other sources. The provincial government is instructed to put the regulation into force at once.

Future visitors to the Lama Temple, Peking, will be pleased to learn that the crowd of impudent and filthy beggars, and the little less filthy but quite equally impudent acolytes who used to beset one at the entrance have at last disappeared. The old system of repeated and indiscriminate tolls at the different gates has gone with them. Now a charge of fifty cents will cover the whole admission to the temple.

Mr. Li Tien-chang has left Peking for Tokyo, as the representative of President Tsao, with a number of gifts, amongst them being a pair of cloisonne flower vases, a pair of beautiful lacquer ornaments, and some rich brocades, for presentation to the Prince Regent on his forthcoming wedding.

The ex-Emperor, Hsuan Tung, has issued a decree appointing Cheng Hsi-jui Minister of the Imperial Household and granting him permission to ride on horseback in the Forbidden City.

The Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps (Sir W. J. Oudendijk) will leave Peking for Holland on February 29. The Belgian Minister M. Everts, will also leave on April 21.

The Loyal North Lancs made their debut in the high life of North China on the 16th inst. at the Peking Pavilion, when they gave an entertainment under the title of "A Night with the Launcs."

The Pavilion was packed, and Britishers were not alone in their enjoyment of the performance, quite a score of nationalities were to be seen mingled with the audience, judging from the different brilliant uniforms worn. The whole show was a great success and ran through 15 numbers, every number being of the greatest interest. The Programme included a combination of music, gymnastic displays, and

topical North Country turns. There was some very interesting club swinging by Pte. Richardson, blindfold boxing, Pte. Riley v. Pte. Whitacker and Lancashire clog dancing by R-S-M. J. N. Crawley, which brought roars of laughter, an interesting wrestling bout (Lancashire style) between Ptes. Bennet and Duffy, an excellent Cornet Solo by Cpl. Watts, a very smart Physical drill display under the instruction of Lieut. E. C. Howse, The Regimental Drums by Sgt. Drummer Fullbrook, A Lancashire Yarn by Sgt. C. Ennet, Bayonet fighting, Sgt. T. Ryan, M.M. v. Sgt. G. C. Crowther, and weight lifting by Pte. Dobson. The beautiful Silver Drums which were presented to the Regiment by the Officers and N.C.O.s as a memorial to those of their regiment who lost their lives in the Great War (and whose names are inscribed on the Drums) attracted a great deal of interest after the performance. The proceeds of the concert are to go towards the soldiers' club fund.

A very curious thing happened in Peking to-day, the 17th. A very pretty Rainbow was to be seen for nearly half an hour, whilst it was snowing heavily in the western hills. According to the weather report heavy snowfalls are expected on the Chihli plains.

There are many people in Peking who entertain doubts as to why Mr. Sun Pao-chi was appointed Premier in President Tsao's first Cabinet, as Mr. Sun Pao-chi has never been interested in the Chihli party and President Tsao did not know him before. Some say that the former Premier Mr. Kao favoured the nomination of Mr. Sun Pao-chi as Premier in order to play a trick on the rival party. Mr. Wu Cheng-shan, and Mr. Kao did not expect it would be realized. Rumour has it that there is a joke in connection with this. Last year President Tsao Kung invited all the Diplomats in Peking, and entertained them in his garden. Mr. Sun Pao-chi's long moustache attracted the President's attention and he discovered that he was (a Mr. Sun) a former viceroy. When Mr. Chang Chou was governor of Shantung, President Tsao Kung was only a soldier belonging to him. President Tsao wishes to bestow favours upon the families of Mr. Chang Chou, but he cannot find Mr. Chang's family, so he extends the honour to Mr. Sun Pao-chi's relation, and this is thought to be the reason why Mr. Sun Pao-chi is nominated Premier.

According to a later report it is learned that the acting Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps Sir W. J. Oudendijk will leave China for home on February 25. During his absence the Belgian Minister will act as Doyen. In April the Belgian Minister is also going home, and will be succeeded by the Spanish Minister, who will act as Doyen of the Diplomatic Body. With the Diplomatic Body thus reduced, it looks as though the prospect of a settlement of the Gold franc question will go the way of the Lien-ching affair.

A meeting was held at the home of Mr. Hoare of the British Legation for the purpose of forming an organization to secure contributions locally for St. Dunstan's. Mr. Hoare who presided over the meeting, introduced Mr. W. Evelyn Cowen, the travelling commissioner who represents St. Dunstan's Hospital. The meeting appointed a committee of Ladies and Gentlemen, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Hoare, to give consideration to the question of help for St. Dunstan's. On the suggestion of Sir Francis Aglen

FOOTBALL. MINOR INTERPORT GAME.

An interesting game has been arranged for Chinese New Year's Day (5th February) when the Shamen Sports Club Soccer XI will be entertained by the Hongkong Football Club on the Club ground; kick-off 4 p.m.

The Canton Club can field a good side, including J. Rodger, G. Duncan, Reid, and other former Hongkong players, and although the Club will be weakened on account of four of their regular players taking part in the Interport game in Shanghai, they can turn out capable reserves and a close game should result.

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The birds, from zone to zone descried
That truth, that life, that
immense,
That one supervening essence—
That Lord of the land and the sky

The myriad stars in their spheres
Would proclaim Him through-
out the earth
While the children of spiritual
birth,
Still relish their doubts and
their fears

They would strain after raven-
gloss
The gold, the sparkle, the
moment,
Yet at most, these are but potent
In one life alone, then are lost

'The man and the body are two'
And the man must know the
body
Physical, mental, the body
Must be willed by the man in
you

Body is self to depression,
To temper, to vice and to pride
But these you should all over-
ride—
Lest they engender defection

A thing that is good breeds kind-
ness,
Brings such tranquil thoughts
in its wake
While evil things agitate—
Though obscured by seeming
blindness

Good lives in all bad human-kind
And your good can appeal to
that
Thereby dissipating their bad—
Cooperant with the Divine

Your griefs are wrought by dead
actions
By a word, a thought that has
passed—
Live NOW in the right till at last
You'll earn the fruits of re-
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MANILA	SUBANG	Sat, 2nd Feb.	11 a.m.
SANDAKAN	CHUNSHANG	Sat, 2nd Feb.	1 p.m.
TONGKAY via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	KWONGSANG	Wed, 6th Feb.	7 a.m.
BANGKOK	HONGSANG	Thurs, 7th Feb.	Noon
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	LOKSANG	Fri, 8th Feb.	7 a.m.
SETRAIS and CALCUTTA	MUSANG	Fri, 8th Feb.	3 p.m.
YOKOHAMA via KOBE	LAISANG	Wed, 13th Feb.	Noon
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"THE CHILDREN OF THE SUN"

BY W. J. PERRY.

For persons interested in the origin and early history of civilisation this is a very important book, not because it adds much to our knowledge but because it is the most complete and comprehensive statement of a point of view which may one day be the accepted standpoint of every accredited ethnologist. At present it is the viewpoint of a minority, the chief living exponent of which is Prof. Elliot Smith.

Recently we have had two important books on anthropology which took up the position that the existing varieties of man are not derived by differentiation from a single ancestral form but are developed by amalgamation of the descendants of several quite discrete types. That way madness lies.

The present volume, although it does not deal with the origins of the human race, may be said to be just the opposite of these.

In board outline the conclusion of the book may be said to be that the origin of all civilisation is one, and its source Egypt.

Students of the origin and sources of civilisation know that the mass of modern authorities, while accepting the unity of the human stock, hold that they were distributed over the habitable world prior to the discovery of the fundamentals of civilisation; and that these elements of civilisation rose discretely as similarity of condition called them forth, much as in the animal kingdom an organ such as a wing may originate in quite different phyla and genera and yet have a close similarity in appearance and function. In a somewhat similar way, given certain requirements and certain fundamental data, as pliable wood and bast, two sets of people might arrive at something of the nature of a bow and arrows; in other cases they might arrive at a boat or even a croquet or (pace Mr. Perry) the device of irrigation.

In outline Mr. Perry's theory may be summarised as follows:—An examination of the civilisation of North America, Oceania, Indonesia, &c., leads to the conclusion that there was an archaic civilisation in these places characterised by agriculture by irrigation, megalithic remains, polished stone implements, working of metals, a dual state of society, matrilineal descent, totemism, pottery-making, exogamy and a sun cult. Among the peoples where this civilisation-complex appeared many of the tribes were more or less uninfluenced by this set of ideas.

In some cases only the merest veneer of these ideas remains: in many cases the people who survive amid cases do not understand them and attribute them to gods or giants coming from afar. In most cases the successors of this civilisation seem to be a complete falling off from the original authors.

On Mr. Perry's theory all this complex of ideas originated in Egypt and came to fruition about the VI Dynasty. Through the desire of these people for life-givers, gold, pearls, etc., this complex of thought and structure was spread over the world.

The path of civilisation is practically traceable on the map by following the gold-mining and pearl-bearing areas, just as an ornithologist might trace out the former continental bridges by following the migratory path of birds. Thus we read E-G-Y-P-T in more or less defaced letters from the cowrie shell on a Tonga Islander, the terraced "maro" field of Colorado, the dual state of Society in Borneo, the dolmen of Ireland, and the exogamy of the Arunta.

In fairness to Mr. Perry the reader is bound to traverse the author's whole argument, and to follow in detail the elaborate array of facts and authorities which are woven into the fabric of this theory—between 500 and 600 pages of closely printed matter.

The present writer is unconvinced. To state the opposite view would require a volume as long as Mr. Perry's. Partial replies to much that Mr. Perry has said may be found in most of the volumes dealing with early civilisation published in the last thirty years. Some criticism of a few of Mr. Perry's views, however, seems called for.

First of all, we may say bluntly that Mr. Perry's conclusion is unsatisfactory. Here it is:—Man has never as far as can be told, acquired a new country because he was pushed out of his old one. This supposition is based on the supposition that the better for science. (Italics added.) Considering that modern times we have known thousands of persons who have moved across the globe on account of food

pressure alone, and that in other divisions of the animal kingdom we know of species and whole genera of animals that migrate for food, we think this conclusion more remarkable for its startling character than for its truth.

Mr. Perry's of course, substantiates his conclusions with numerous quotations and facts. But we do not think his authorities all equally trustworthy or his use of the facts all equally legitimate. It suits part of Mr. Perry's theory, for instance, to suppose that the coconut must have been carried over the Polynesian Islands. "It would seem that the coconut must be planted in order to grow," he says. To substantiate this he quotes (possibly from Rutland) "Pickering, who visited a great many of the small uninhabited Polynesian Islands, states that he did not meet with a single instance of the spontaneous extension of the species." On the other hand in contradiction of this we have irrefragable proof of the natural distribution of the coconut. The island of Krakatoa was submerged by volcanic eruption in 1883 and every scrap of vegetation destroyed. Dr. Ernst in his account of "The New Flora of the Volcanic Island of Krakatoa" on his first visit to this uninhabited island says, "to our great delight we found the coconut palms laden with fruit. The large number of ripe nuts on the ground, several of which had germinated and produced plants reaching one meter in height, showed that they must have attained the fruiting stage some years ago" (p. 30).

Again when the ordinary theories of totemism do not suit Mr. Perry he says, "Men may identify themselves with animals, or even with plants but when it is claimed that they identify their life and personality with material objects, it is time to cry a halt." This he emphasises on more than one occasion. It seems to come rather inconsistently from a person who quotes with approval for his purpose the following:—The Malay miner . . . considers "that the tin itself is alive and has many of the properties of living matter, that of its own volition it can move from place to place, that it can reproduce itself, and that it has special likes—or perhaps affinities for certain people and things and vice-versa."

Mr. Perry's views on magic, too, seem to require a straining of the facts and theories already known. "If peculiarly shaped stones," he asks, "inspired the people of the Torres Straits and Melanesia, why did they not inspire those in Australia?" But they did. What about the *churniga*? "The term is applied . . . to rounded, oval or elongate flattened stones" (Spencer and Gillen (N.T.C.A. p. 128)).

Then again what can be more unsatisfactory than his explanation of the magical properties of quartz. It is a sort of substitute surrogate for gold—but worse than a baby's comforter. The people seek a fish but they get a stone. The whole passage must be quoted, for though Mr. Perry has many index references to quartz this passage is not referred to. "The importance attached to quartz the whole way from India to America, by tribes who do not work gold, can be explained on the hypothesis that the people of the archaic civilisation sought for gold, and look upon it as a giver of life, and that the peoples who followed have continued to use quartz in their magical practice. It is the rule to find that quartz is the most important giver of life, which harmonises with the claim that the search for gold was the main cause of the distribution of the archaic civilisation."

Could anything be more unsatisfactory? Whole groups of people attribute magical and religious properties to quartz. And why? Because other peoples who visited them five hundred or a thousand years before attached life-giving properties to gold! We have heard of misers who had passed from the worship of wealth itself to the worship of the metal that typified it. But this is about equivalent to the worship of the ostrich by an English millionaire because he made his money in de Beers' mines.

And what about the life-giving properties of gold itself? "The search for gold was the main cause of the distribution of the archaic civilisation!" Then listen to the origin of the desire for gold. "With the introduction of the practice of wearing shells on girdles and necklaces and as hair ornaments the time arrived when people living some distance from the sea experienced difficulty in obtaining these amulets in quantities sufficient to meet their demands. Hence they resorted to the manufacture of imitations of these shells in clay and stone. But at an early period in their history the inhabitants of the deserts between the Nile and the Red Sea (Hathor's special province)

discovered that they could make more durable and attractive models of cowries and other shells by using the plastic yellow metal which was lying about in these deserts unused and unappreciated. This practice first gave the metal gold an arbitrary value which it did not possess before. For the peculiar life-giving attributes of the shells modelled in the yellow metal came to be transferred to the gold itself. No doubt the lightness and especially the beauty of such gold models appealed to the early Egyptians, and were in large measure responsible for the hold gold acquired over mankind."

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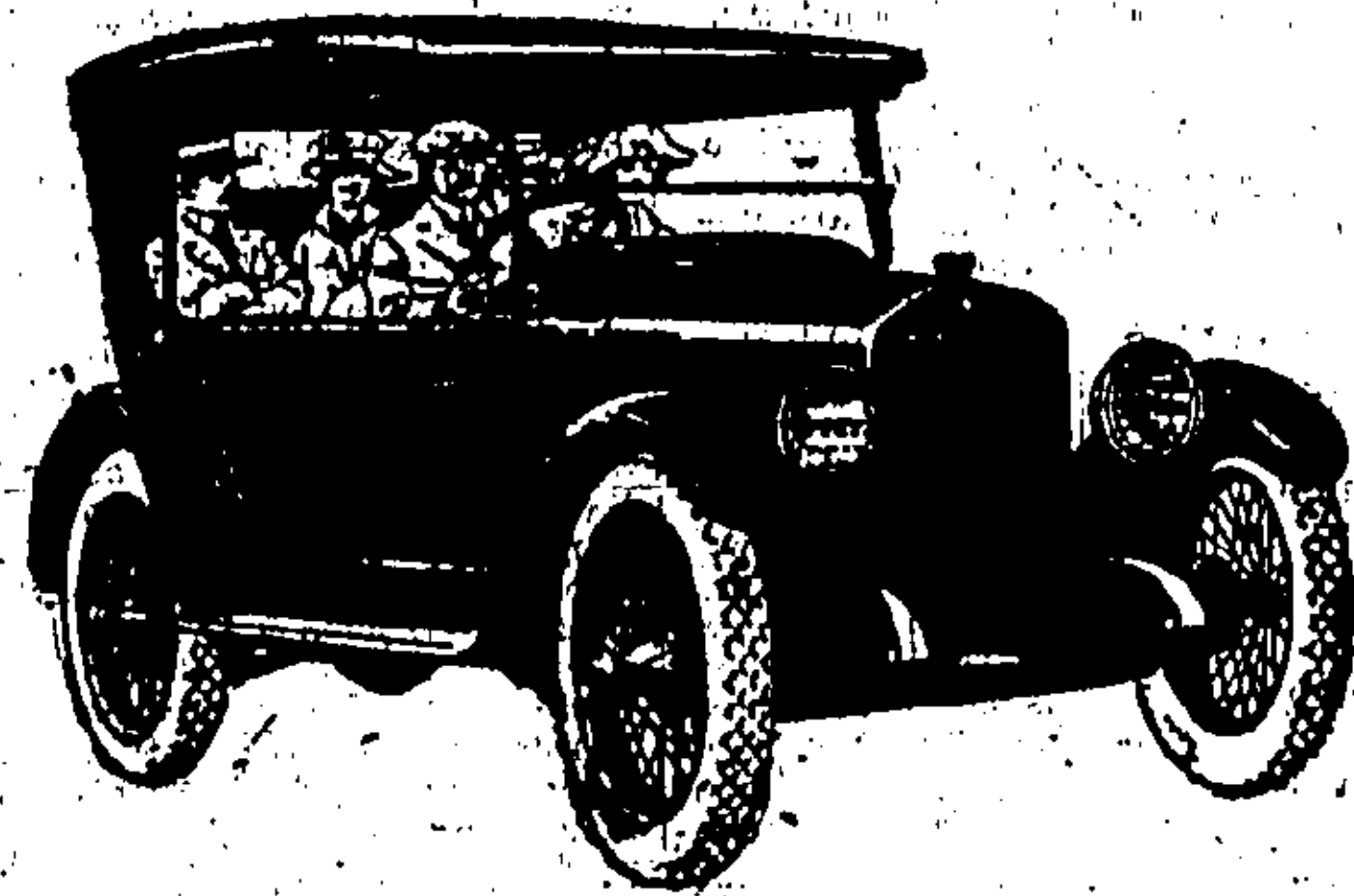
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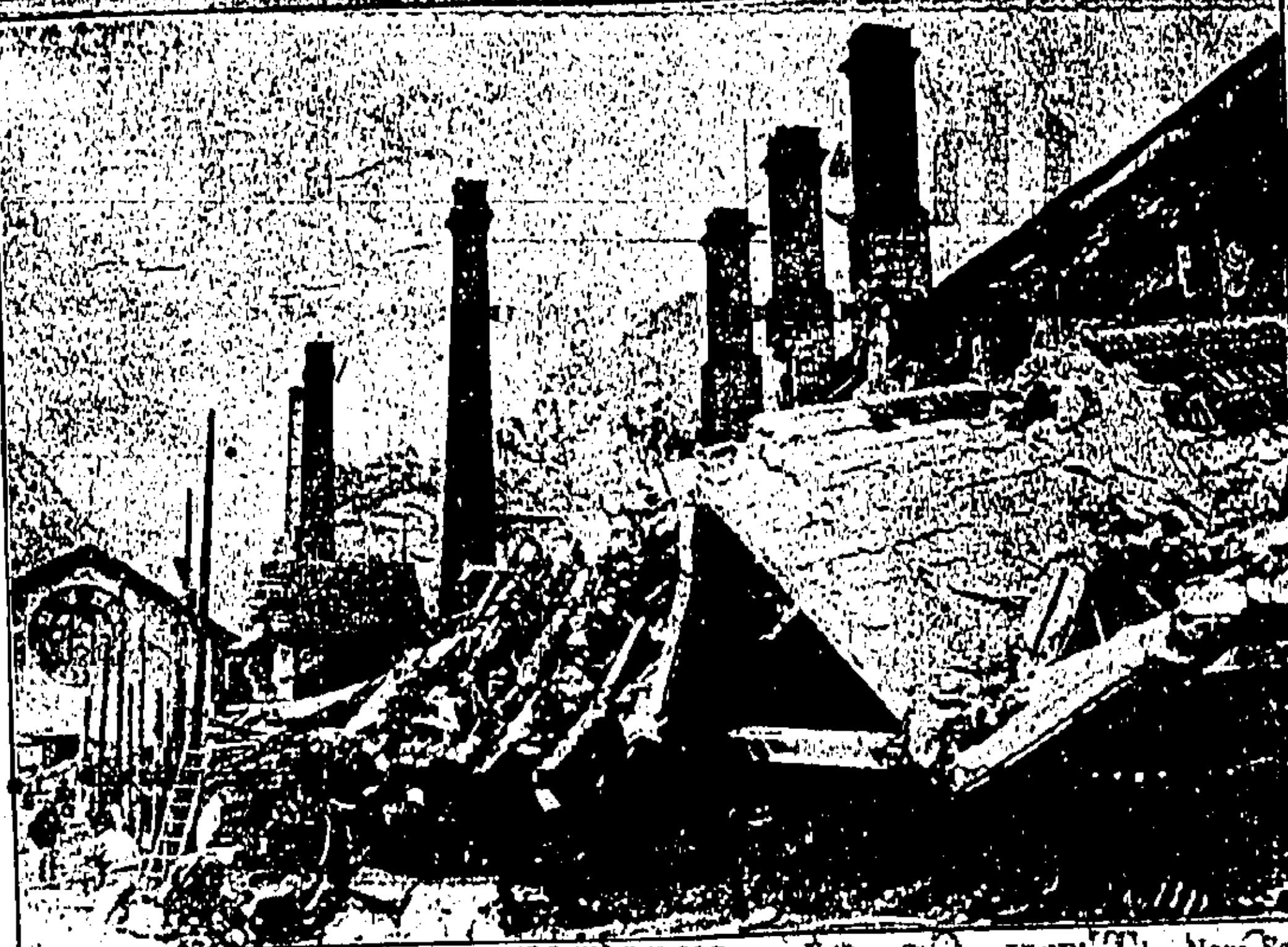


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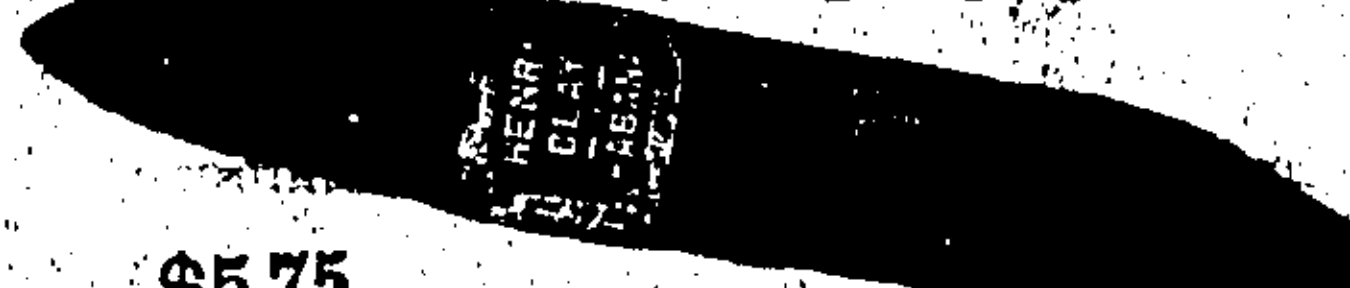
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